[English]

Export of Cycles

622. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cycles exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last two years, country-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of cycles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) The number of cycles exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last two years are given below:-

(Quantity in Numbers)

(Value: Foreign Exchange equivalent in Rupees crores)

Year	Quantity	Value
1995-96	10,08,979	140.99
1996-97	N.A.	128.59 (Provisional)

The major countries to which cycles have been exported from India are:

(Value in Rs. crores)

Country	1995-96	1996-97
Bangladesh	1.86	1.92
Denmark	4.95	3.17
France	15.02	1.56
Germany	17.18	11.93
Kenya	8.57	3.29
Malawi	4.21	7.42
Mali	1.73	6.49
Maynmar	1.77	0.88
Mozambique	5.32	7.87
Nigeria	5.83	2.07
Peru	1.43	1.22
South Africa	1.46	1.87
Sri Lanka	3.31	1.15
Tanzania Rep.	3.67	2.39
UK	32.13	22.11
USA	5.49	25.25
Zaire Rep.	3.04	1.74
Zambia	1.25	1.38

(b) Apart from the facilities/concessions indicated in the Export-Import Policy, through Engineering Export Promotion Council, an organisation sponsored by Ministry of Commerce, measures such as sponsoring visits of delegations abroad to study modernisation and technical upgradation, conducting buyer-sellers' meet etc. are being carried out in respect of export of bicycles.

Cable Industry

623. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that cable industry is facing serious recessions and the industry is dying;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the reasons for such recession and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The Government have not received any representations from cable manufacturers in this regard.

[Translation]

LIC Agents

624. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of L.I.C. agents during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) the amount given as commission to these agents during above period, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the amount of commission for these L.I.C. agents and also provide them more facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The number of LIC agents is as follows:

(1) Year ended 31.3.1996: 5,37,117

(2) Year ended 31.3.1997: 5,69,675 (Provisional)

For 1997-98 figures are not presently available.